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House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Alan Mollohan Chairman Commerce, Justice, Science, And Related Agencies Subcommittee on Appropriations H-310, The Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Rodney P. Frelinghuysen Ranking Member Commerce, Justice, Science, And Related Agencies Subcommittee on Appropriations 1016 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Mollohan and Ranking Member Frelinghuysen

We are writing to express our strong support for the programs contained in the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act, and to request that you fully fund this valuable child-protection legislation in fiscal year (FY) 2009.

Last Congress, the President signed into law the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006. This comprehensive, bipartisan legislation strengthened sex offender registry requirements and enforcement, and increased penalties for child predators. It also increased awareness of sex offenders in our communities with the Dru Sjodin National Sex Offender Public Website by enabling online searches for information on convicted sex offenders from all states.

The Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act authorized funding in the 2009 fiscal year for many critical programs including grants to promote public outreach and protect our communities from sex offenders. This funding is particularly important to protect our children from sexual exploitation. It is our hope that the Appropriations Committee will recognize the value of these important child protection programs by fully funding these programs at the authorized FY 2009 levels.

Thank you for your consideration of our request. We look forward to working with you to help protection our nation's children as the FY 2009 appropriations process moves forward.

Sincerely.

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